

## BUREAUCRATIC OBSTACLES FOR SMALL EXPORTERS

*Committee on Small Business:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Bureaucratic Obstacles for Small Exporters: Is our National Export Strategy Working?” Testimony was heard from Suresh Kumar, Assistant Secretary and Director General, Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. Commercial Service; Christian Foster, Deputy Administrator, Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agriculture Service; and public witnesses.

## EUROPEAN UNION’S EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “The European Union’s Emissions Trading Scheme: A Violation of International Law.” Testimony was heard from Susan Kurland, Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, Department of Transportation; Kl’isma R. Urs, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “The Economic Development Administration: How to Improve Effectiveness through Reforms and Consolidations.” Testimony was heard from John R. Fernandez, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, Department of Commerce; William Shear, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; and public witnesses.

## PREVENTING VIOLENT RADICALIZATION IN AMERICA

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Terrorism, HUMINT, Analysis, and Counterintelligence held a hearing on Preventing Violent Radicalization in America. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### MAXIMIZING AMERICA’S PROSPERITY

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine maximizing America’s prosperity, focusing on how fiscal rules can restrain Federal overspending, after receiving testimony from James C. Miller III, former Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, Daniel J. Mitchell, Cato Institute, and Robert D. Reischauer, Urban Institute, all of Washington, DC.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D719)

S. 1103, to extend the term of the incumbent Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Signed on July 26, 2011. (Public Law 112–24)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Brian T. Baenig, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Agriculture; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine opportunities for specialty crops and organics in the farm bill, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Service and General Government, to hold hearings to examine Federal disaster assistance budgeting, focusing on the role of the Federal government in mitigating the economic impact of severe weather events through long-term budgetary planning, 2 p.m., SD–138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, USN for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Chief of Naval Operations, and Lieutenant General Charles H. Jacoby, Jr., USA to be general and to be Commander, United States Northern Command, and Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security, to hold hearings to examine aviation fuels, focusing on needs, challenges, and alternatives, 10 a.m., SR–253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Charles DeWitt McConnell, of Ohio, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy, and Rebecca R. Wodder, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, to hold hearings to examine S. 264, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Mississippi 2 parcels of surplus land within the boundary of the Natchez Trace Parkway, S. 265, to authorize the acquisition of core battlefield land at Champion Hill, Port Gibson, and Raymond for addition to Vicksburg National Military Park, S. 324, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission, S. 764, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to make technical corrections to the segment designations for the Chetco River, Oregon, S. 864, to designate a Distinguished Flying Cross National Memorial at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California, S. 883, to authorize National Mall Liberty Fund D.C. to establish a memorial on Federal land in the District of Columbia to honor free persons and slaves who fought for independence, liberty, and justice

for all during the American Revolution, S. 888, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 925, to designate Mt. Andrea Lawrence, S. 970, to designate additional segments and tributaries of White Clay Creek, in the States of Delaware and Pennsylvania, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, S. 1063, to allow for the harvest of gull eggs by the Huna Tlingit people within Glacier Bay National Park in the State of Alaska, and S. 1134, to authorize the St. Croix River Crossing Project with appropriate mitigation measures to promote river values, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Juan F. Vasquez, of Texas, and Maurice B. Foley, of Maryland, both to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and Janice Eberly, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* to hold hearings to examine Food and Drug Administration (FDA) user fees, focusing on advancing public health, 9:45 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mark D. Acton, of Kentucky, and Robert G. Taub, of New York, both to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 546, to extend the Federal recognition to the Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, S. 379, to extend Federal recognition to the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe-Eastern Division, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, the Rappahannock Tribe, Inc., the Monacan Indian Nation, and the Nansemond Indian Tribe, S. 1218, to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, S. 703, to amend the Long-Term Leasing Act, and S. 636, to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine enforcing the "Indian Gaming Regulatory Act", focusing on the role of the National Indian Gaming Commission and tribes as regulators, 2:15 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 401, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, S. 657, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, S. 409, to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs, S. 605, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to place synthetic drugs in Schedule I, S. 839, to ban the sale of certain synthetic drugs, and the nominations of Steve Six, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Morgan Christen, of Alaska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Scott Wesley Skavdahl, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming, Sharon L. Gleason, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska, Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Richard G. Andrews, to be

United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Agriculture,* Subcommittee on Rural Development, Research, Biotechnology, and Foreign Agriculture, hearing on Agricultural Program Audit: Examination of USDA Research Programs, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

*Committee on Armed Services,* Panel on Defense Financial Management and Auditability Reform, meeting to receive testimony on DOD's plans for financial management improvement and achieving audit readiness, 8 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Full Committee, markup of the following: H.R. 2405, the "Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act"; H.R. 1254, the "Synthetic Drug Control Act"; and H.R. 1852, the "Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act". 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity hearing entitled "Insurance Oversight: Policy Implications for U.S. Consumers, Businesses and Jobs." 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights, hearing on Improving Implementation of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies, markup of H.R. 2658, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance the ability of the Federal Protective Service to provide adequate security for the prevention of terrorist activities and for the promotion of homeland security, and for other purposes. 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Full Committee, continue markup of the following: H.R. 1981, the "Protecting Children From Internet Pornographers Act of 2011"; H.R. 1433, the "Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2011"; H.R. 83, the "Bullying Prevention and Intervention Act of 2011"; and H.R. 2189, the "Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2011". 11 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources,* Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on the following: H.R. 50, the "Multinational Species Conservation Funds Reauthorization Act"; H.R. 1760, the "Great Ape Conservation Reauthorization Amendments Act"; and H.R. 1761, the "Marine Turtle Conservation Reauthorization Act." 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency and Financial Management, hearing entitled "Improper Medicare Payments: \$48 Billion in Waste?" 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health Care, District of Columbia, Census, and the National Archives hearing entitled “Impact of Obamacare on Job Creators and Their Decision to Offer Health Insurance.” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, markup of H.R. 2484, the “Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2011.” 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Subcommittee on Healthcare and Technology, hearing entitled “Small Businesses and PPACA: If They Like Their Coverage, Can They Keep It?” 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations, hearing entitled “Open for Business: The Impact of the CFPB on Small Business.” 1:30 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, markup of the following: H.R. 2243, the “Veterans Employment Promotion Act”; H.R. 2388, the “Access to Timely Information Act”; and H.R. 2383, the “Modernizing Notice to Claimants Act”. 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Evaluating VA’s SDVOSB Certification Process, hearing will begin after the Subcommittee’s markup has finished, 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, markup of the following: H.R. 1154, the “Veterans Equal Treatment for Service Dogs Act”; H.R. 1855, the “Veterans’ Traumatic Brain

Injury Rehabilitative Services’ Improvements Act of 2011”; H.R. 2074, the “Veterans Sexual Assault Prevention Act”; H.R. 2530, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased flexibility in establishing rates for reimbursement of State homes by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for nursing home care provided to veterans; and H.R. 2646, to authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects and leases, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and to modify certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes. 9:30 a.m., 340 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the new IRS paid tax return preparer program, 9:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Full Committee, hearing on Ongoing Intelligence Activities, 10:15 a.m., HVC-304. This is a closed hearing.

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### Joint Meetings

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to hold hearings to examine United States policy and the Organization for Co-operation in Europe, focusing on making good on commitments and challenges, including unresolved conflicts, ethnic tension, corruption and lack of governance, racism and intolerance, and trafficking in persons, 1:30 p.m., 210 Cannon Building.